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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

SUBJECT : Weekly Report #47  
Assessment and Evaluation Staff  
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I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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1. Colonel Frank Holdrege, who is with the Air Force Personnel Research Laboratory at Lackland Air Force Base, visited us on 29 December 1961 for the purpose of exchanging ideas on assessment techniques. He is responsible for a two-day assessment of individuals who are being selected for positions of highly sensitive projects. His responsibility is the administration of the objective instruments and interviewing subjects. The individuals have had a psychiatric screening prior to being processed by his staff. Since he does not have any knowledge of what the programs are for which these people are being screened, he finds it a bit difficult to develop criteria. He appears to be using a good many standard assessment devices and from what could be learned there is very little that is unique about his program. Colonel Holdrege was given a short briefing on the A&E Staff. Future contacts with Colonel Holdrege are not foreseen at this time, although he was invited to come back if he had any specific problems he wished to discuss.

2. In October 1961 the [REDACTED] EE Division, received a cable from the field requesting information on the availability of a psychologist to be assigned TDY [REDACTED] for the purpose of training case officers in assessment techniques for a contingency project (Weekly Report #38, Item 4). We had indicated that an A&E psychologist could be made available for this purpose. This week [REDACTED] informed us that he would visit station personnel in [REDACTED] next month to give preliminary briefings concerning the use of assessment techniques on this operation. Mike [REDACTED] is departing this week for [REDACTED] Africa where he hopes to obtain profiles on about 100 [REDACTED]. The data will be used as a basis of making indirect assessments of the "[REDACTED] personality". This study is being done at the request of the Africa Division according

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to [REDACTED] Mike estimates that this will take about three weeks at which time he will proceed northward to [REDACTED] 25X1A6a was advised by C/A&E that he should go prepared to spend enough time [REDACTED] to complete the training of the case officers in assessment techniques if they are prepared to proceed at this time. He was informed that a certain amount of confusion could be raised by his briefing the station at this time with the expectation that an A&E psychologist would later service this request. It would make better sense for him to complete the job while he is there if the station is ready to proceed.

3. C/A&E has obtained the names of the officers in the Air Force and the Navy who are responsible for the assignment of clinical psychologists in their respective service. It is planned to discuss with each of these individuals the desirability of rotating clinical psychologists to the A&E Staff for a two year tour. An appointment has been made with the individual responsible in the Air Force, Colonel Paul Eggerston, for 8 January 1962.

4. Twenty recruitment letters were completed by the A&E Staff and forwarded to the Office of Personnel for final processing. The letters were addressed to chairmen of the psychology departments having counseling and clinical programs (Weekly Report #45, Item 4). The additional 35 letters presently being typed by the secretarial pool of the Office of Personnel will complete our recruitment letters to universities.

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5. [REDACTED] has developed an interview questionnaire guide of 37 questions as a preliminary suggestion to [REDACTED] 25X1A9a what might be covered in an Agency motivation survey (Weekly Report #45, Item 2). The questions are based upon [REDACTED] review of the records of resignee debriefings of the IG Staff. The questions will be discussed with [REDACTED] on 5 January 1962.

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6. The A&E lecture on the use of psychological assessment by the Clandestine Services scheduled for the OC course on 2 January was not given; weather conditions resulted in the cancellation of [REDACTED] 25X1A6a

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